

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. When using the public airwaves, both sides of an issue should be aired and at the same time or shortly thereafter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We need a license renewal process where the programs that have been aired and reviewed and comment is received from the public that these stations serve. Thank you.